

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EPAP, PP

SUBJECT: THEFT OF IMPORTANT NEW GUINEAN ARTIFACT

REF: A. PORT MORESBY 185

B. TREASURY DEPT NR. 408377 DTG 122017Z SEP 74

1. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PNG MUSEUM HAS REQUESTED STATUS REPORT ON CARVED MASK FROM TABOR ISLAND (NEAR NEW IRELAND, PAPUA NEW GUINEA).

2. APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION TREASURY AND CUSTOMS SERVICE HAVE REGARDING STATUS OF CASE, FINAL OUTCOME, AND IF ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED.

3. BOTH MUSEUM OFFICIALS AND PNG OFFICIALS WILLING TO PROVIDE ANY FURTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO SUBSTANTIATE POSITION THAT MASK WAS ILLEGALLY REMOVED FROM TABOR ISLAND.  
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## Message Attributes

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